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U.S. 5,970,217 (Nakamura et al.) has been cited in Parent Application Serial No. 08/964,257 in an Office Action dated November 5, 2003.

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Consideration of the references is requested.

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